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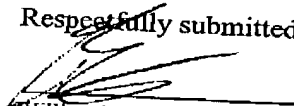
1. (currently amended) A device for positioning and lifting a marine structure with, the device comprising
a U-shaped ballastable lifting vessel (1), ~~the device comprising and~~
at least two adjustable lifting frames (12,12), each able to incline towards the middle of the U-shape of the lifting vessel (1), the lifting frames (12) respectively comprising upper horizontal lifting beams (13), near-vertical support structures (16) with upper ends respectively connected to the lifting beams (13) and lower ends respectively hinged (21) to the lifting vessel (1), and near-horizontal parts (18) having first ends respectively connected to the lifting beams (13) and second ends adjustably connected to the lifting vessel (1).
2. (previously presented) A device according to claim 1, characterised in that at least one of the upper horizontal lifting beams (13) is covered with an external shock absorbing cover (14).
3. (previously presented) A device according to claim 2, characterised in that the shock absorbing cover (14) is made of rubber.
4. (previously presented) A device according to claim 1, characterised in that at least one of the lifting beams (13) is provided with hydraulic cylinders (30) in pre-defined lifting point positions.

5. (previously presented) A device according to claim 1, characterised in that at least one of the lifting beams (13) is provided with sand-filled cylinders (35) in pre-defined lifting point positions for co-operation with corresponding conical tubular stubs (37) on a platform deck of the lifting vessel.
6. (previously presented) A device according to claim 1, characterised in that at least one of the near-vertical support structures (16) has a truss structure.
7. (previously presented) A device according to claim 1, characterised in that at least one of the near-horizontal parts (18) has a truss structure.
8. (previously presented) A device according to claim 1, characterised in that the adjustable connection of at least one of the near-horizontal parts (18) to the lifting vessel (1) comprises a hydraulically operated bolt (9) inserted into a corresponding hole (8) in a guiding rail (7) on the lifting vessel (1).
9. (previously presented) A device according to claim 1, characterised in that at least one of the near-vertical support structures (16) has adjustable hydraulic arms (20) connected to the lifting vessel (1).
10. (previously presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the upper horizontal lifting beams (13) are above a top of the lifting vessel (1).

11. (previously presented) A device according to claim 2, characterised in that at least one of the near-vertical support structures (16) has a truss structure.
12. (previously presented) A device according to claim 4, characterised in that at least one of the near-vertical support structures (16) has a truss structure.
13. (previously presented) A device according to claim 5, characterised in that at least one of the near-vertical support structures (16) has a truss structure.
14. (previously presented) A device according to claim 2, characterised in that at least one of the near-horizontal parts (18) has a truss structure.
15. (previously presented) A device according to claim 4, characterised in that at least one of the near-horizontal parts (18) has a truss structure.
16. (previously presented) A device according to claim 5, characterised in that at least one of the near-horizontal parts (18) has a truss structure.
17. (previously presented) A device according to claim 6, characterised in that at least one of the near-horizontal parts (18) has a truss structure.

18. (previously presented) A device according to claim 2, characterised in that the adjustable connection of at least one of the near-horizontal parts (18) to the lifting vessel (1) comprises a hydraulically operated bolt (9) inserted into a corresponding hole (8) in a guiding rail (7) on the lifting vessel (1).
19. (previously presented) A device according to claim 4, characterised in that the adjustable connection of at least one of the near-horizontal parts (18) to the lifting vessel (1) comprises a hydraulically operated bolt (9) inserted into a corresponding hole (8) in a guiding rail (7) on the lifting vessel (1).
20. (previously presented) A device according to claim 5, characterised in that the adjustable connection of at least one of the near-horizontal parts (18) to the lifting vessel (1) comprises a hydraulically operated bolt (9) inserted into a corresponding hole (8) in a guiding rail (7) on the lifting vessel (1).

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